

## FRIENDSHIP MANOR

## NEWSLETTER

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## Holiday Time at the Manor!

*December is a traditionally festive month for everyone*

This is the most festive month of the year. Around the Manor Santa's helper is stringing colorful lights that delight and bring out the kid in us. Thanks to Larry for all his inventive lighting.

December also wraps up the **Employee Appreciation Fund** drive. Please say thank you to all the exceptional Manor staff who look after us 24/7/365. Day in and day out they fix our faucets, prepare our wonderful meals, help us in the office in so many ways, take us to events and to medical appointments and plan our seemingly endless entertainment. Once a year Residents have a chance to let them know how much we appreciate them, so please be as generous as you can by putting your offering in the decorated box on the slant board.



**Many thanks to Jimmy Fuerte for donating the wonderful fountain that sits inside the entrance to the Manor!**

## December Highlights

**December 1**

Renee Hamaty – Jamison Hall

**December 3**

Ice Cream Social – Dining Room

**December 10**

Hot Dog BBQ – B Lounge

**December 14**

Karaoke – B Lounge

**December 15**

Treble Clefs – JamisonHall

**December 17**

Pizza Party – B Lounge

**December 19**

Hot Dog BBQ

**December 22**

RSC Meeting

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Christmas Lights Tour with Chris

**December 24**

Christmas Party – Dining Room

**December 31**

New Year Eve Party with Nicole Lvoff Trio – Dining Room

**Local Walks & Joy Rides and Shopping & Medical Van Trips with Chris and Richard** – Sign up on the slant boards in the Lobby

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## AROUND THE MANOR

### RSC BOARD — YEARLY ELECTIONS

The Friendship Manor Mission Statement says : As faithful stewards of the spiritual, human, and financial resources, we are dedicated to providing housing and services that enrich the lives of our elders.” – This is a lofty statement, but the sincere purpose of the Manor.

The Resident Services Council is a separate non-profit organization, comprised of all Residents, and each year has the opportunity to participate in this mission by electing the RSC Board to provide services for Residents. This is a volunteer, non-paid, working Board currently comprised of a President, First Vice President, Second VP, Secretary and Treasurer, and each member spends several hours a week in service to the greater good of all Residents. Elections are held each year, and anyone interested in wanting to serve on the Board should contact Sheri or Rosemary, or come to the RSC meeting on Thursday, December 22 at 10:00 am in the Dining Room.

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### HOLIDAY DINNERS

Residents are getting a notice in their mailboxes as follows: “Due to staff shortages around the holidays, we would ask that if you are planing on guests for a special Christmas Day or New Years Day meal here, that you purchase the ticket(s) in advance at the front desk The cost is \$15 per person.” — The Front Desk gets overwhelmed during Holiday dinners, so please plan ahead and buy your ticket(s) anytime the week before if you are planning on guests for dinner those days.

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### KARAOKE IN THE B LOUNGE

Karaoke has taken the Manor by storm and is bringing out the inner Super Star in our Residents! Come join the fun and sing one of your favorite holiday songs with other crooners and belters – coming up on Wednesday, 12/14 at 1:00 pm. Here are just three photos which paint their own picture. And thanks to Judy for organizing this growingly popular activity.



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### POOL ROOM — MOVIE VIEWING

There are 425 VHS tapes, 500 DVDs and 75 BluRay discs in the Billiard Room that can be viewed by residents. Residents have already donated \$120 toward purchasing a new high-def TV for about \$225. It's a great place to watch a movie solo or with a friend anytime, day or night. Anyone interested in helping out with a donation, please see Lynn, and hopefully very soon Residents will be enjoying viewing a wide range of movies in the alcove adjacent to the pool table.

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## Employee Appreciation — Annual Fund Raising Drive

It's that Holiday time of year again when Residents have a chance to show the entire Friendship Manor Staff how much they are appreciated for their hard work all year long.

You can send a big “Thank You” to those who work at the Manor by contributing to the **Employee Appreciation Fund**.

**We have a dedicated staff of full and part-time employees who —**

- Prepare and serve meals every day of the week
- Plan all the events and arrange for live entertainment
- \* Drive the van to medical appointments
- Drive the van for shopping trips, and fun outings
- Fix the plumbing, change lightbulbs and maintain the facilities
- Patrol all night long and provide reliable security
- Work to keep costs controlled and the quality of life high
- \* Keep the overall operation running smoothly
- Sell stamps, cash checks, schedule van rides and endeavor to handle all front desk inquiries and resident issues



**Manor employees take care of you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** They work hard so you can have a better, more meaningful and fulfilling life.

**Please show your appreciation for the terrific service and support throughout the year, by putting cash or checks into the decorated lock box located in the Lobby, on the Slant Board.**

The **Deadline** to contribute is **Tuesday, December 13**, so please open your hearts, and your wallets, to **make this year's Employee Appreciation Fundraising Event the most successful ever!**

Thank you for any size contribution, cash or check.

**Please make checks payable to “VSS/RSC”**

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## RESIDENT SUPPORT

**Got a question, a concern, or are you a new Resident with questions about how to navigate the Congregate Living situation of the Manor?**

Betty Chackel's regular Friday meeting in the E Lounge may be for you!



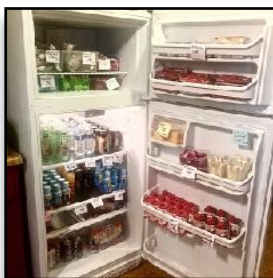
Betty is a great listener and problem solver, the meetings are private and friendly, and she's been helpful to many Residents. Plus, it's a good way to catch up on news of the Manor and feel you have a voice that's being heard.

Betty's meetings are every **Friday from 11:00-11:30** in the **E Lounge Conference Room** – which is adjacent to the upstairs Library.

## DOROTHY'S CORNER STORE

**All profits from every purchase** go to fund movies in Jamison Hall, the B Lounge wi-fi and copier, and much more. Support your Corner Store and shop this valuable resource in the B Lounge, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Come and shop local!

And for 24/7 snacks and sodas, remember the machines adjacent to the Corner Store. A portion of those proceeds also go into the RSC general fund for Resident services.



## December Birthdays

- 12/3** David McCalmont
- 12/5** Robert Washington
- 12/6** Ann MacFarlane
- 12/13** Chandra Drazich
- 12/13** Gary Tholander
- 12/14** Tom Davis
- 12/15** Kenneth Havey
- 12/17** Joyce Wycoff
- 12/17** Ross Vallone
- 12/18** Michael Villanueva
- 12/19** Florine Erickson
- 12/21** Greg Brown
- 12/26** Joyce Raimer
- 12/26** Jerry Jones
- 12/28** Sheri Wright
- 12/30** John Bookoff
- 12/30** Susan Moore

